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BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS

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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND CHEMICAL

DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS-Legislative Committee

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room A, second floor of the Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED: 12/10/2014

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. William Northey, LMFT, Presiding Daniel Cooper, LPCMH (11:13 a.m. – 11:59 a.m.) Gregg Drevno, LPCMH Lisa Ritchie, LCDP

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General Jessica Williams, Administrative Specialist II

MEMBERS ABSENT

Irvin Bowers, Public Member Daniel Cherneski, LMFT Dr. Julius Mullen, LPCMH

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Northey called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes - September 24, 2014

The Committee reviewed the meeting minutes from the September 24, 2014 meeting. Dr. Drevno moved, seconded by Ms. Ritchie, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Review Final Drafts of Potential Revisions to Statutes for LPCMH's, LMFT's, & LCDP's

The Committee reviewed the final drafts of the potential revisions to the LPCMH and LMFT statutes. After making minor changes, Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Dr. Drevno, to send the final draft to the Board for final review and approval. Motion unanimously carried.

Other Business before the Committee (for discussion only)

Dr. Northey requested that the Committee draft the reasoning behind the bill, as well as the pros and cons of the proposed statutory changes. The bill will require individuals who are not currently licensed to be subjected to oversight; qualified individuals will be performing services to the public; the bill will allow for the regulatory oversight for the practice of counseling; currently, and unlicensed individuals performing counseling services do not have a mandatory duty to report. Dr. Northey will draft the memorandum to be submitted to DPR with the final proposed bill.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Next Meeting Date

The Committee did not schedule a next meeting date.

Adjournment

Ms. Ritchie made a motion, seconded by Dr. Drevno, to adjourn. Motion unanimously carried. There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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